25 October, 1994. However, pursuant to the representations received from primary lending institutions against this decision, SIDBI on 16 December 1994 revised the above mentioned rate of interest on refinance back to 9% with retrospective effect from 25 October, 1994. The rate of interest on refinance of term loans of over Rs. 25,000/- and upto Rs. 2 lakh was also reduced from 11% per annum to 10.5% per annum.

Amount borrowed by Peerless General Finance from Peerless General Finance and Investment

7823. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Peerless General Finance have borrowed any amount from Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited, a non-banking financial institution;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the rate of interest paid by Government on such borrowings; and

(d) in which sectors these borrowing have been diverted indicating the details of return therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that as per information furnished by Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Ltd. (PGFI) to RBI, PGFI has granted loan to State Govts/State Govt. Undertakings at rates of interest varying between 16.5 and 18 per cent.

(d) RBI has reported that no information on the use of loans from PGFI is available.

Projects in Kerala and Karnataka assisted by Tourism Finance Corporation

7824. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tourism Finance Corporation had financed tourist hotel projects in Kerala and Karnataka during the last three years; if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many applications were rejected and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any private consultancy is being engaged for evaluation of project for financial assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) Tourism Finance Corporation of India Ltd. (TFCI) has reported that during the last three years, it received six applications for setting up hotel projects in Kerala and seven applications for setting up hotel projects in Karnataka. Out of these applications TFCI financed four projects in Kerala and five projects in Karnataka. The remaining applications were rejected by TFCI due to reasons such as projects falling within the scope of state level financial institutions, unsatisfactory track record of promoters and excess capacity already created at the locations proposed by the promoters.

(c) No Sir.

Prosecution of cloth merchant in Ahmedabad pursuant to I.T. Raids

7825. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2656 given in the